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Many of the references listed on the attached Forms PTO-1449 were cited in Office Actions issued for co-pending patent applications that are commonly assigned to the assignees of the above-referenced U.S. patent application. Also listed on the attached Forms PTO-1449 are Office Actions issued for co-pending patent applications that are commonly assigned to the assignees of the above-referenced U.S. patent application.

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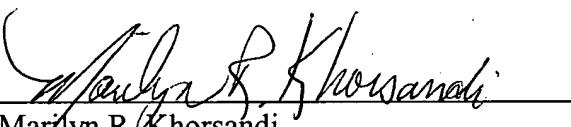
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1.	5,491,637	A	Kraemer et al.	02-1996	Throughout	
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